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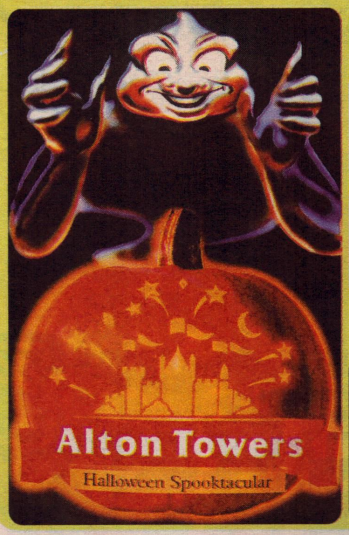

Alton Towers is known for its spectacular end of season fireworks. And this year there is another reason to visit the park as winter approaches.

Halloween Spooktacular and the UK's number one fireworks spectacular are guaranteed to thrill all Funday Times readers with this great Kids Go Free offer to either event.

From October 27-30, Gloomy Wood will be alive with spooks and spectres who have escaped from the Haunted House. And, with ghostly goings on in the Towers, who can be sure of what will become of those brave enough to enter Forbidden Valley after dark? Additional shows, characters, entertainment and late opening until 7pm will certainly send shivers down the spines of even the most ghostly ghouls. And, don't forget Britain's best fireworks spectacular on October 26 and 31.

Every Funday Times reader can get into the park free by cutting out this voucher and being accompanied by one adult paying full single day rate.

FREE SPOOKY KIDS TICKET

Alton Towers

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To claim your free kid's ticket, simply take this voucher to Alton Towers where one child will be admitted free when one adult pays the full single day rate. This voucher is valid from October 26-31. Kids in spooky fancy dress will receive a free blow-up Devil's Poker gift, from October 27-30.

Terms and conditions: 1 This voucher entitles free entry for one child when one adult pays full single day rate. One voucher per full paying adult. 2 Child is aged between 4 and 13 years inclusive. Adult is aged 14 years and over. Under-4s go free. 3 Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other voucher, special offer or inclusive coach or rail packages and as such applies to car visitors only. 4 No cash alternative. Photocopies will not be accepted. 5 Height restrictions apply on certain rides. 6 Not transferable for cash. Value 0.0001p. 7 For office use only 38.

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EVERY NEW MEMBER RECEIVES THIS ACTION-PACKED FUNDAY TIMES CLUB MEMBERSHIP PACK, ENTRY TO ALL FUNDAY TIMES COMPETITIONS AND THIS TOP QUALITY FUNDAY TIMES CLUB T-SHIRT ... WOW!

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You'll have more fun with Morphun Transformer Bricks – they're brand new and give you more options and directions for building. The first 100 kids to join the Club this week will win a Transformer Master Tool Box set, which has 154 pieces and you'll also get a 50% discount voucher for Morphun's Transformer Bricks.

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Please make me a member of **THE FUNDAY TIMES CLUB** with membership pack and **FREE** T-shirt for **£4.99 + £1 P&P**

☐ Small size (up to age 8) Chest size 79cm-82cm (31"-32")

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Date of Birth
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Make your cheque or Postal order payable to **TTC Clubs** and send it with your completed application form to the address shown below.

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The fantastic Funday Times Club Pack is stuffed full of great goodies –

stickers, postcards, Batman pogs, door hangers, Funday Times Post-It® notes, a Funday Times badge, stationery plus a mini Supersoaker. All crammed into a giant Funday Times pencil case.

Join **The Funday Times Club** and you will receive this mega membership pack full of goodies and a **free T-shirt**. Just fill in the form on the left.

Club Members

There's a special offer for you too!

If you're a **Funday Times Club** member and would like one of the Club's special T-shirts you can grab one while stocks last for only **£3.99 + £1.00 P&P**. Just fill in the form on the right.

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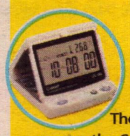
THE f-mail...



The star letter will receive the Canon DM-2710 Electronic Organiser – just right to slip in your pocket and the runners-up will win the Canon CC-80, the alarm clock calculator which also tells you the time and temperature! So write now.

Dear f-mail,
I nearly fainted last week. I saw my mum typing on a computer! It was the first time she had done it in her life, I could not believe it. Now she's checking for e-mail every day. That's why I nearly fainted. If my mum can do it, anyone can.
Luke Denne, age 8, Crowthorne
You should be proud of your mum! It's good for everyone to learn new skills – Ed.

Dear f-mail,
I have a dog called Esther. She's a real softie. When people come to the house she always jumps up at them! I go to a school called Blacklands. We just have to go down the garden. When we are not looking and our gate is open, Esther goes to school too! She doesn't learn much.
Olivia White, age 9, Hastings

star letter

Dear f-mail,
I am writing to say how I feel about people who support big clubs like Manchester United when they live nowhere near that area or have any connections with the club. They're being silly, as they will probably never see a home game. Support your local club and be proud.
Simon Baxter, age 12, Leicester

Club address

The Funday Times Club, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorks, LS24 9XA

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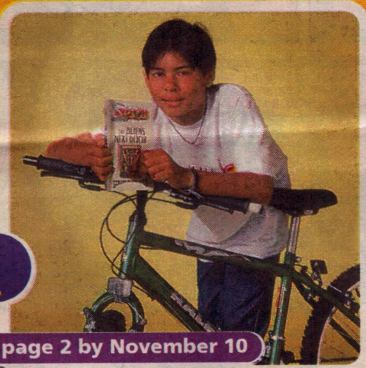
TRAVEL into the unknown

Have you ever been so spooked that you can't sleep? Have you ever read about aliens, UFOs and Martians then imagined them lurking about?

Well, welcome to The Spook Files! There are six books to spook you . . The Aliens Next Door will rattle you, The Mummy From Mars will unnerve you and Scarecrow will scare more than just the birds! Written by Michael Johnstone and priced £2 99 each, read them if you dare!

Up for grabs are a set of all six books plus a fab Raleigh Max GS Mountain Bike for eight lucky readers to travel into the unknown!



Five runners-up will get a set of six books.

TO WIN Tell us what ET stands for.

Answers to the Club address on page 2 by November 10

Drawing board

WIN

Everyone can learn to draw – with the help of an Artograph Tracer (£89 95). Use it to project an image onto your drawing surface – up to ten times bigger than the print you're working from. Then draw round the outline – and you're an instant artist! Our Cartoon King will win an Artograph Tracer and an A2 drawing pad. Two runners-up will win Daler Rowney art materials worth £25.

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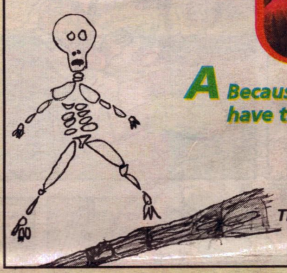
Cartoon King

Q Why couldn't the skeleton cross the road?



A Because he didn't have the guts!

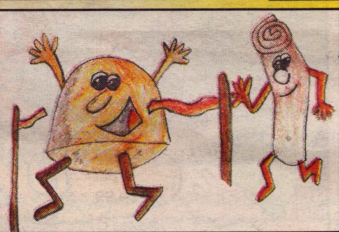
Thomas Saunders, age 6, Wallingford

Q What is Dracula's favourite sport?

A Bat-minton!

Sean Keith, age 8, New Machar

Q What sort of tea does the Queen drink?



A Royal-ty!

Rosemary Kent, age 13, Barrow-in-Furness

Sweet Sensation

To help you celebrate half term in a truly sweet-tastic way, we've teamed up with Tesco to offer **EVERY READER** the chance to sample a packet of sweets from the new Tesco Children's Sweets range absolutely **FREE!**

Each pack costs 59p, but we're offering you a pack FREE

Get your taste buds tingling with one of the following 100g packs of sweets FREE from Tesco:

- Fizzy Cola Lances
- Fizzy Strawberry Lances
- Strawberry Laces
- Apple Laces*

*Only available in larger stores

Just take this voucher to your local Tesco store, for your free pack. And while you're there, check out the whole new range of taste sensations from Tesco. Great value for money at pocket money prices.

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A definite half term treat!

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TESCO KIDS SWEETS RANGE
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To the customer: This coupon can only be used in part payment against Tesco Fizzy Cola Lances 100g, Fizzy Strawberry Lances 100g, Strawberry Laces 100g or Apple Laces 100g when purchased in any Tesco store (where stocked) and presented with the product at the checkout. Only one coupon per purchase.

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THE NUMSKULLS APPEAR EVERY WEEK IN THE BEANO

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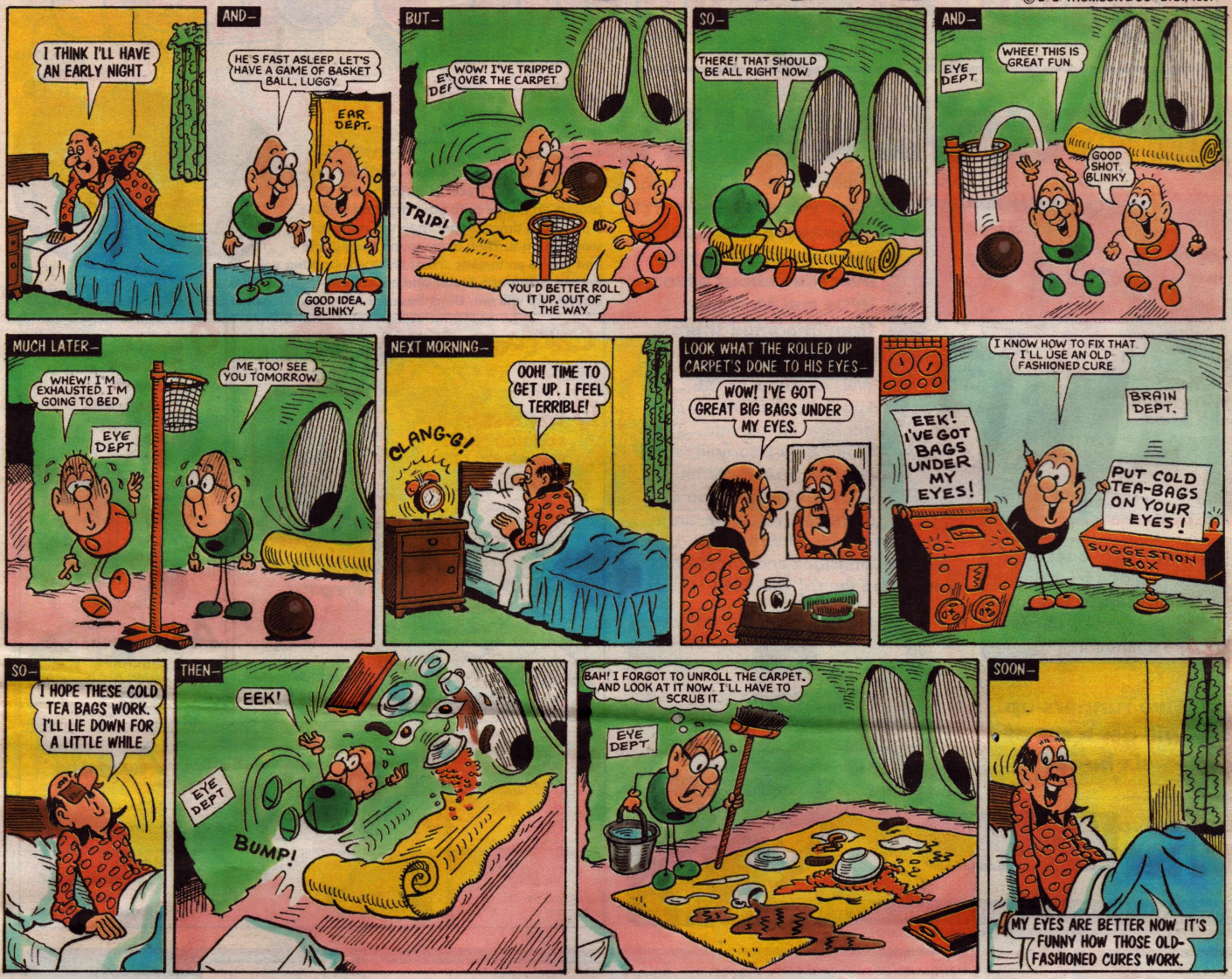
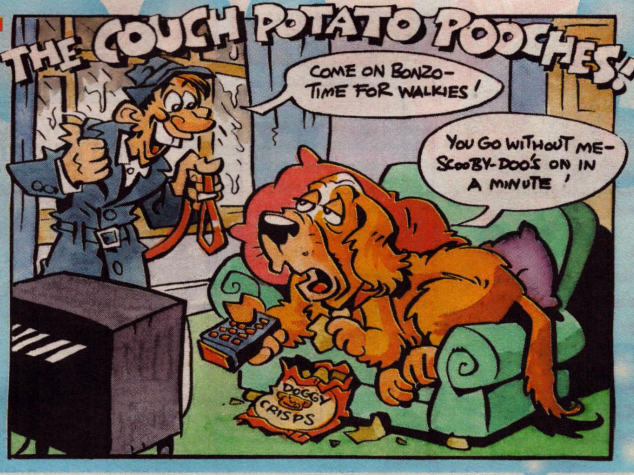


THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOUR DOG WAS MUCH more than a pet – it was a companion and a hunter. But as humans moved out of the cave and into the house, a similar change has occured in canine land. Our dogs have gone soft! "Dog owning is no longer about working," says dog expert Brian Leonard. "We want couch potato dogs for couch potato owners." Recently a dog kennels opened in Cambridge with TVs and dog-sized beds in each room. A hotel for yuppie puppies?



The COD'S QUESTION

Dear Cod,
Why do leaves turn red in autumn?
Melinda Kelly, age 10, Durham

Dear Melinda, Leaves contain three chemicals which give them colour; chlorophyll (green), xanthophyll (yellow) and carotene (orange). Chlorophyll is the substance which allows the plant to gain nourishment from sunlight by a process called photosynthesis. During the summer it dominates the leaves, but in the winter, the chlorophyll disappears, the leaves die, and we see the yellow xanthophyll and orange carotene.

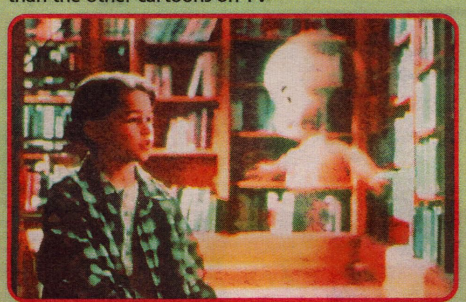
FUNDAY TIMES NEWS

In the spirit

"The coolest thing about being in this movie was meeting Casper," says the latest kid star, Brendon Ryan Barrett. "I've loved him since I was little."

In his new video movie, Casper: A Spirited Beginning, Brendon and the friendliest ghost you'll ever meet become mates when the pair try to save their neighbourhood haunted house from destruction by the wrecking ball.

The job isn't easy. But then again, this spook-struck 11-year-old from California has some experience when it comes to working with little ghouls. "I've got a real little girl ghost in my house back home," explains Brendon. "I don't know what her name is. But I've heard her voice and once saw her peeking around a corner in the attic – I definitely believe in them." Brendon also shares his home with several notable fleshies. There's his mum and dad (both vets), his sister Caitlin (also an actor), three cats – Mandy, Sausage and Nika – and his noble Dachshund, Lillie Langtry. He plays basketball and Nintendo and never misses an episode of The X Files or The Simpsons. "I watch The X Files with my dad and The Simpsons with Caitlin – it's much better than the other cartoons on TV."



Brendon got his start three years ago when he won a talent contest. He'll soon have two more movies coming out (Shadow Man with Eric Roberts and Lloyd The Ugly Kid) this year. "I love to get fan mail and letters," says Brendon. "For me, that's the most exciting thing in the world."

Eye catching

An eagle-eyed policeman in Hampshire came across an unusual piece of lost property last week – somebody's glass eye! The lost eye was spotted, staring up from the gutter, with realistic red veins. A PC told us: "No-one's even tipped us the wink as to who it belongs to." Perhaps the owner is worried about making a spectacle of themselves or being the butt of even cornea jokes!

Ship shape

For a half-term treat, why not step aboard HMS Belfast and become a sailor for the day? This week, all six to 12 year-olds that visit the battle cruiser can have a special guided tour from the Master-at-Arms. Tours include lessons on how to salute, trying out a hammock on the messdecks, receiving rations in the noisy galley and even a trip to the massive boiler rooms. Everyone gets an exclusive tour badge and admission to HMS Belfast costs £2.20 for children and £4.40 for adults.

For information call: 0171-407 6434

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Something wild!

Adopt-An-Animal Week kicks off at London Zoo tomorrow – and it's a great chance to find out about some rare and endangered creatures.

All week, visitors to the zoo can follow the Yoplait Wildlife Trail – that leads you around the zoo on a tour of discovery. Animal adoptions start at just £20 – and your contribution goes towards the creature's food and care for an entire year.

Keep your eyes open for a chance to adopt a golden lion tamarin free – only in The Funday Times next week!

Pop genius

If you're music mad, you should check out the new MTV-Mcyclopedia (£12.99) – it's packed with information and pictures of all favourite bands and stars. You'll find sections about the Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls and Boyzone as well as just about anyone who has hit the charts over the last ten years.

We've got ten copies of the MTV-Mcyclopedia to give away – to win, just tell us which single was number one last Christmas.

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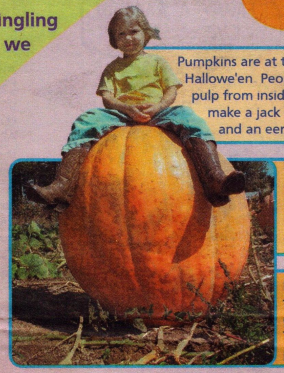
SPELLBOUND

If it's spooky, creepy, spine-tingling and goes bump in the night, we love it. It's Hallowe'en on Friday, so prepare for a host of ghoulish goings-on ... nice and eerie does it!

Hallowe'en is celebrated on October 31 each year. Traditionally, druids and witches had a party because it was the end of the Celtic year, a bit like our New Year's Eve. But they believed that souls of the dead returned on All Hallows Eve for just one night. This is where the name Hallowe'en came from.



Pumpkins are at their most popular at Hallowe'en. People scoop out the thick orange pulp from inside, leaving the hard skin to make a jack o' lantern, with a candle inside and an eerie, flickering face.

The tradition of pumpkin lanterns goes back centuries. Some believe that candles welcomed visiting souls, and even left a glass of wine by the fireplace to make them feel at home. Others say that fires burned and lanterns were lit to ward off the spooks and spirits and keep the people safe.

Hallowe'en fan Samantha Kersey, age four, sits on top of the 100 kilogram pumpkin, that she helped grow in her family's vegetable garden in Michigan. The huge pumpkin will soon be up for sale in preparation for the Hallowe'en festivities.

GHOST POST
Americans go to town when they celebrate Hallowe'en, the American postal service has even released a set of spooky stamps to kick off the event. Chilling stuff!

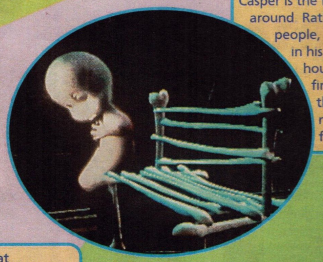
TRICK OR TREAT
Everyone knows that Hallowe'en is a time to dress up as a ghost, ghoul, hobgoblin or witch and head out to try some trick or treating. This custom, made famous in the United States, means knocking on your neighbours' doors and asking for a treat. If you don't get some sweets, you can play a trick on them (nothing dangerous though!). The trick or treating tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when people left a treat for the visiting ghosts to avoid any supernatural tricks.

DRESSED TO THRILL
We know you want to get all the right gear for Hallowe'en, so we went to Hamleys at the witching hour for a spine-chilling spree!

Ghoulish! Scare folks with a spooky skull.

Make people scream with your shocking mask and spider web!

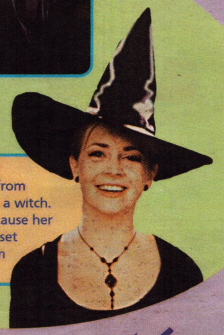
CELEBRITY GHOST
Casper is the friendliest ghost around. Rather than spooking people, he just wants to live in his happily haunted house. Although people find him scary at first, the little ghost normally makes friends for life.



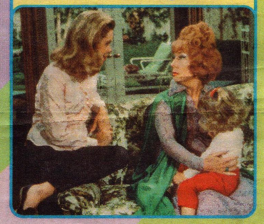
GOOD WITCH OF THE NORTH – THE WIZARD OF OZ
More like a queen than a witch, Glinda uses her magical powers to help the good people of Oz. She points out to Dorothy that only bad witches are ugly and helps Dorothy understand how the marvellous ruby slippers can take her home to Kansas. There's no place like home.

WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST – THE WIZARD OF OZ
This wicked witch brings terror to the land of Oz and tries her best to stop Dorothy returning to her home in Kansas. She pursues Dorothy and her friends along the Yellow Brick Road, appearing suddenly in a puff of red smoke and disappearing, with a dreadful cackle, on her broomstick. Her evil ways eventually catch up with her!

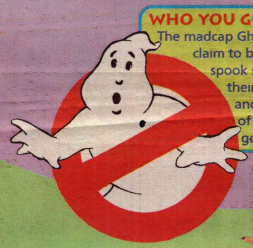
SABRINA THE TEENAGE WITCH
Sabrina finds out when she's 16 that, far from being an ordinary teenager, she's actually a witch. She lives with her spell-wielding aunts because her mother is a mortal. Sabrina is not able to set eyes on her mother for two years, or mum turns into a ball of wax!



BEWITCHED BY BEWITCHED
Samantha and Endora are the original TV witches. With a wiggle of the nose or a wave of the arms, spells are cast on unsuspecting mortals. Samantha is married to a mortal called Darren and spends a lot of her time stopping her mother, Endora, from sending him to the North Pole or turning him into a frog. To complicate matters further, Samantha's baby daughter Tabitha inherits her mothers' magical talents.



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?
The madcap Ghostbusters crew claim to be professional spook seekers. In reality, their efforts backfire and their collection of captured spirits get the last laugh.



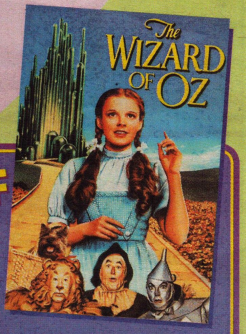
Devilish! This red-faced monster causes mayhem every time.

Do wolves really come out on Hallowe'en? You'll see.

Hallowe'en is the time for witches to party. You can really look the part.

PICTURES: AP, MOVIESTORE, JAMIE HUGHES. STYLIST: CLAIRE SHELDON. JENNA wears costumes from HAMLEYS of REGENT STREET.

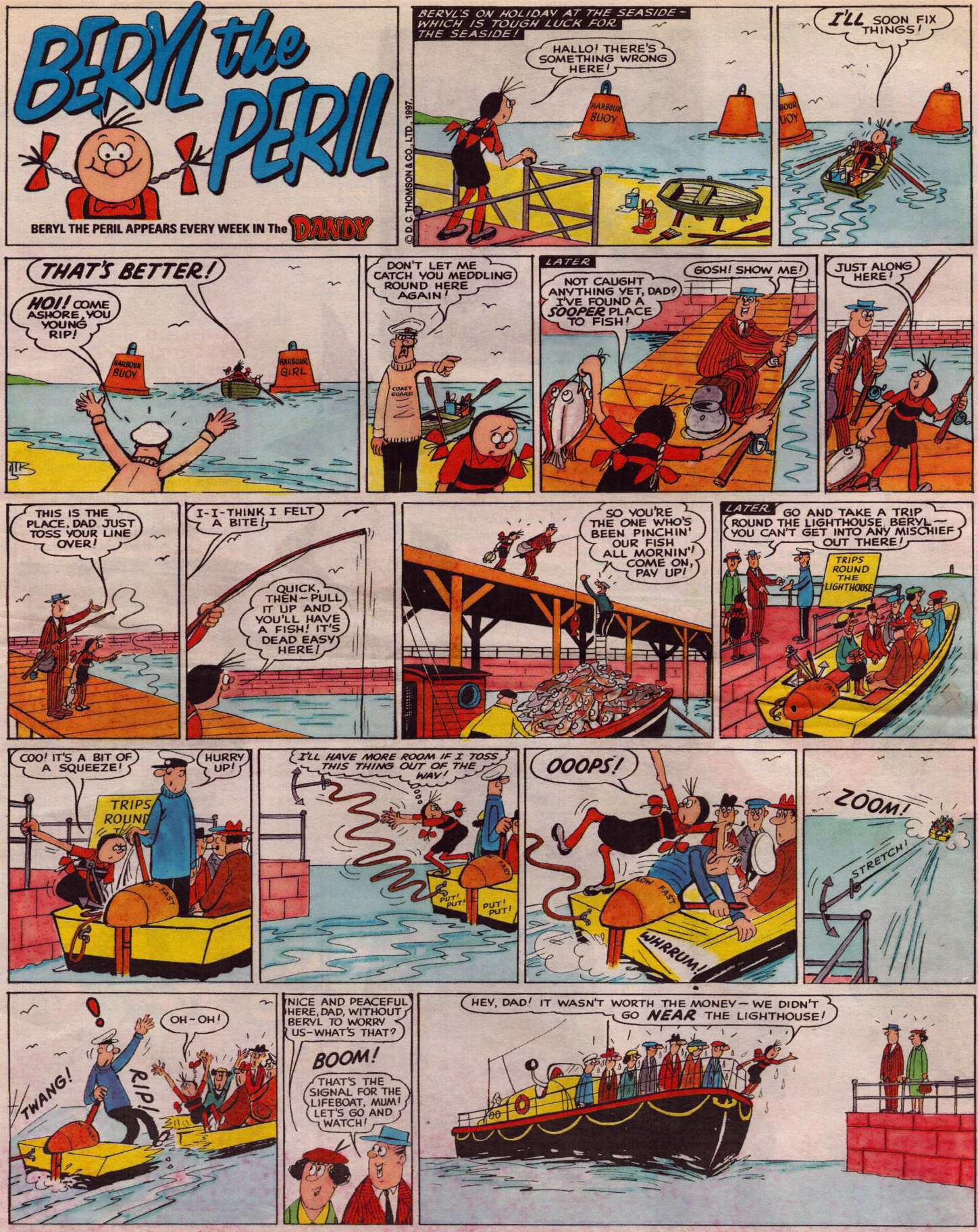
OFF TO OZ



You're off to see the wizard – and witches – of Oz in your own living room! We've got 15 copies of The Wizard of Oz on video. The Funday Times and MGM Home Entertainment are giving you the chance to win the superbly restored classic, to celebrate Hallowe'en.

To win, tell us who Dorothy's house flattens when she crash lands in Oz.

Send your answers to the Club address on page 2 by November 10


BERYL the PERIL
BERYL THE PERIL APPEARS EVERY WEEK IN The DANDY
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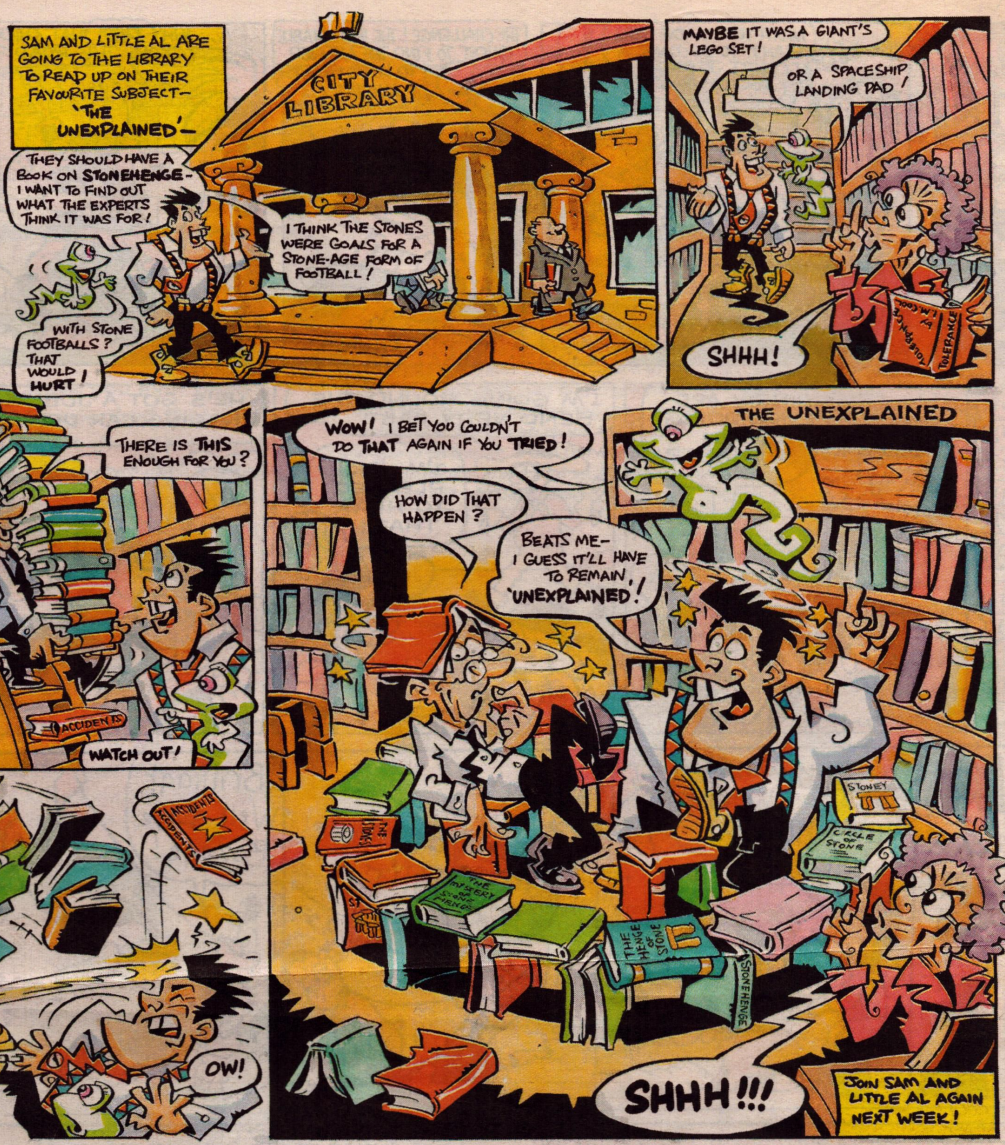
BERYL'S ON HOLIDAY AT THE SEASIDE – WHICH IS TOUGH LUCK FOR THE SEASIDE!
HALLO! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE!
HARBOUR BUOY
I'LL SOON FIX THINGS!
THAT'S BETTER!
HOI! COME ASHORE, YOU YOUNG RIP!
HARBOUR BUOY
HARBOUR GIRL
DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU MEDDLING ROUND HERE AGAIN!
COAST GUARD
LATER
NOT CAUGHT ANYTHING YET, DAD? I'VE FOUND A SOOPER PLACE TO FISH!
GOSH! SHOW ME!
JUST ALONG HERE!
THIS IS THE PLACE, DAD JUST TOSS YOUR LINE OVER!
I-I-THINK I FELT A BITE!
QUICK, THEN – PULL IT UP AND YOU'LL HAVE A FISH! IT'S DEAD EASY HERE!
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PINCHIN' OUR FISH ALL MORNIN'! COME ON, PAY UP!
LATER
GO AND TAKE A TRIP ROUND THE LIGHTHOUSE BERYL – YOU CAN'T GET INTO ANY MISCHIEF OUT THERE!
TRIPS ROUND THE LIGHTHOUSE
COO! IT'S A BIT OF A SQUEEZE!
HURRY UP!
TRIPS ROUND
FAST
I'LL HAVE MORE ROOM IF I TOSS THIS THING OUT OF THE WAY!
PUT! PUT!
PUT! PUT!
OOOPS!
HOW FAST
WHRRUM!
ZOOM!
STRETCH!
OH-OH!
TWANG!
RIP!
NICE AND PEACEFUL HERE, DAD, WITHOUT BERYL TO WORRY US – WHAT'S THAT?
BOOM!
THAT'S THE SIGNAL FOR THE LIFEBOAT, MUM! LET'S GO AND WATCH!
HEY, DAD! IT WASN'T WORTH THE MONEY – WE DIDN'T GO NEAR THE LIGHTHOUSE!

N.U.T.S. INVESTIGATIONS

No Undertaking Too Strange

SAM SPANNER PARANORMAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR and LITTLE AL SAM'S PARTNER- AN ALIEN GHOST

PAUL CEMMICK AND GILES PILBROW



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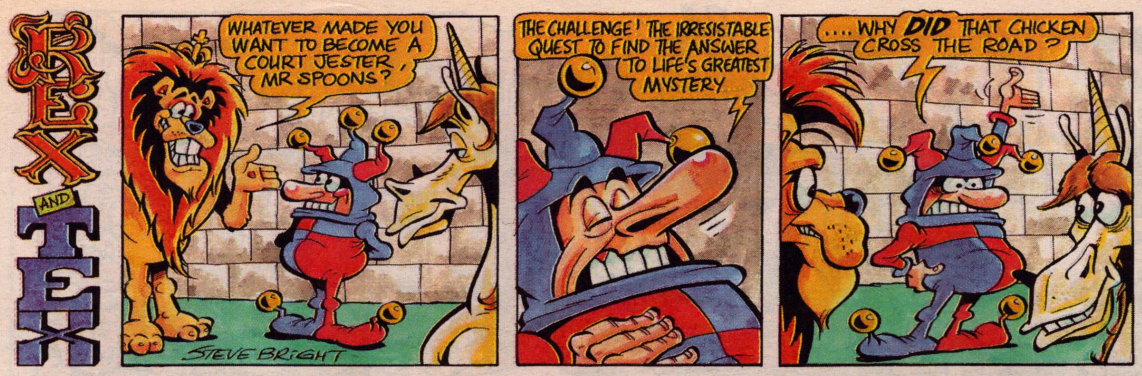

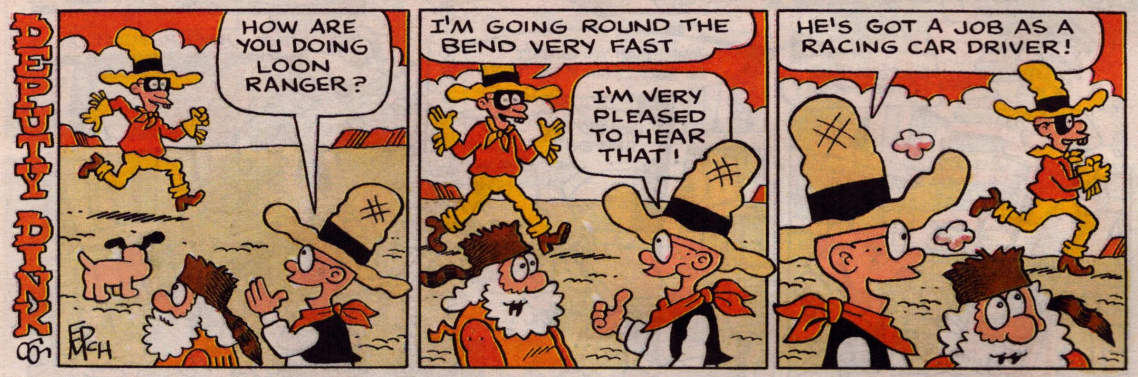

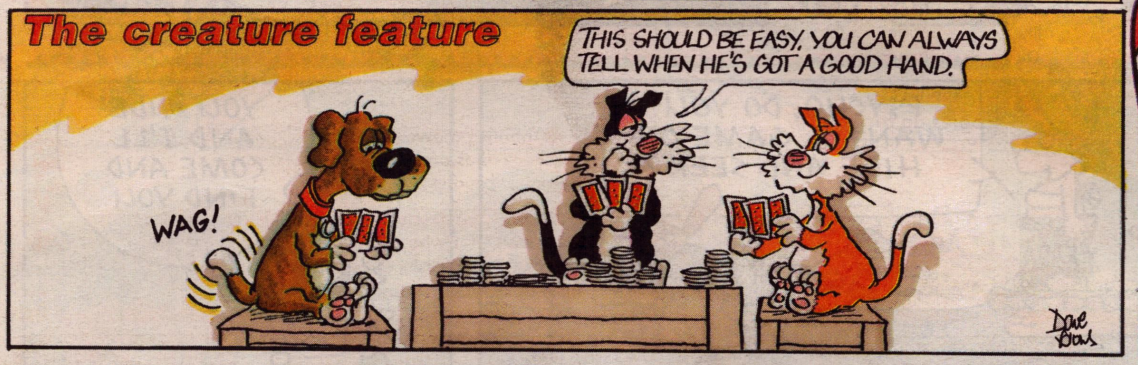

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Aussie cricketer Shane Warne gets this week's Red Card after turning his back on Britain. The spin bowler, reckoned to be the world's best player, was offered contracts by three counties to come and play here next summer but now, after a long wait, he's decided to say no. Warne, known for the sunblock he smears over his face while playing, took months to make up his mind, but now says he wants to stay at home. Its time Shane took an early bath.

Gold Medal

It has been a tough start to the season for Tottenham Hotspur and, in particular, for Frenchman David Ginola. However, things have picked up for Ginola in recent games and he has twice hit spectacular goals to win matches. Against Sheffield Wednesday, he was the star of the show, playing brilliantly and scoring his team's third goal. It looks like he's hitting top form, which is good news for Spurs and earns him our Gold Medal.

John Hartson

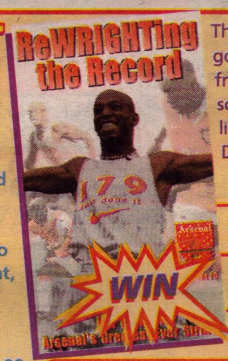
Before the start of the football season, most people would have forecast a difficult year ahead for both Leicester City and West Ham United. However, both teams have confounded the critics with a string of good results. They play each other tomorrow night and West Ham fans will be hoping that striker John Hartson can keep up his outstanding form of recent weeks.

- John's childhood hero was another legendary Welsh footballer – Liverpool striker Ian Rush
- John first made his name at Luton Town. He then transferred to Arsenal but moved to West Ham last year for £3.5m
- He was born in Swansea and, at the age of 21, is already a full international for Wales
- John is renowned for his heading ability and is regarded as one of the strongest forwards in the Premier League
- He says that when he has finished playing professional football, his ambition is to move back to Wales

Sportrait

WRIGHT STUFF!

Ian Wright has smashed Cliff Bastin's 50-year-old record becoming Arsenal's greatest ever goal scorer. To celebrate this event, PNE Video has released ReWRIGHTing The Record, priced £13.99.



The video features all his 180 goals in chronological order, from the tap-ins to the screamers. Also hear what it's like to play beside Wright from Dixon, Seaman and Adams.

We've got 50 copies up for grabs

TO WIN

Tell us what number Ian Wright wears. Is it eight or 23?

Answers to the Club address on page 2 by November 10

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